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SUBJECT: SOVIET CONSULATE IN ANTWERP

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1. REFTTEL B REPORTED THAT BELGIAN-SOVIET PROTOCOL PERMITTING SOVIETS TO OPEN CONSULATE GENERAL IN ANTWERP WOULD BE SIGNED DURING OCT 5-7 VISIT OF SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO TO BELGIUM.

2. SOVIET CONSULATE GENERAL'S JURISDICTION WILL INCLUDE PROVINCES OF ANTWERP AND EAST FLANDERS. IN ADDITION SOVIET CONSULATE PERSONNEL WILL BE AUTHORIZED TO VISIT WEST FALNDERS PORTS OF OSTENDE AND ZEEBRUGGE UPON RECEIPT OF BELGIAN PERMISSION ON CASE BY CASE BASIS. SOVIET CONSUL GENERAL WILL BE PERMITTED TO TRAVEL FREELY TO BRUSSELS, BUT OTHER CONSULTATE EMPLOYEES WILL NEED SPECIAL PERMISSION TO DO SO. BELGIANS EXPECT SOVIETS TO OPEN CONSULATE GENERAL IN ANTWERP SOON AFTER PROTOCOL IS SIGNED.

3. IN RETURN FOR BELGIAN PERMISSION FOR SOVIET CONSULATE GENERAL IN ANTWERP, BELGIANS OBTAIN SOVIET
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PERMISSION TO PEN A CONSULATE GENERAL IN EITHER

LENINGRAD OR ODESSA. BELGIANS ARE STILL UNDECIDED
ON IF OR WHERE THEY WILL TAKE UP THIS PERMISSION.

4. BELGIAN INTEREST IN CONSULAR ACCESS TO SOVIET PORT
OF VENTSPILS (PARA 3 REFTEL A) HAS DIMISHED DUE TO
WEST GERMAN INVESTMENT IN BELGIAN SHIPPING FORM, AHLERS,
AND RESULTANT LESSENERED BELGIAN COMMERCIAL INTEREST.

5. IN CONNECTION WITH OPENING OF SOVIET CONSULATE
GENERAL, BUT NOT PART OF THAT AGREEMENT, TRAVEL OF
SOVIET DIPLOMATS IN BELGIUM WILL BE BROUGHT INTO LINE
WITH TRAVEL PERMITTED BY THE SOVIETS FOR BELGIAN
DIPLOMATS IN THE USSR THROUGH THE ENFORCEMENT OF NEW
REGULATIONS (PARA 4 REFTEL A). FIRESTONE

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